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LETTER DATED 2 OCTOBER 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

At 1715 hours on 25 September 1997, two Kuwaiti fibreglass patrol boats intercepted and opened fire on Iraqi Coast Guard patrol boats near buoy 9 inside Iraqi territorial waters. Four to six men armed with machine-guns were on each boat.

I request you to intervene with Kuwait in order to put an end to these provocative practices, which are in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the rules of international law. In accordance with the principle of State responsibility, I also reaffirm the legally established right of the Republic of Iraq to seek compensation for the damage caused by these acts of aggression.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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